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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly cancel claim 1 and substitute the following claims therefore.

A method, comprising:

forming a plurality of quantum well elements, each element having a barrier layer and well layer with each well layer being formed between two barrier layers, each well layer having a well bottom, and a well top; and

supporting  $b_0$ ound energy levels within each said well layer, with an excited bound energy level being at a level that is close to resonant with said well top.

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